(b) how many Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones are in operation in the country as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The share of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) exports in the total exports of the country during the last three years is as below:

Year	Export from SEZs (Rs. crores)	Percentage contribution of SEZ exports
2003-04	13,854	4.72
2004-05	18,309	5.06
2005-06 (April-December, 2005) (Provisional)	14,873	5.06

(b) 15 Special Economic Zones are in operation at present.

Deliberations at World Economic Forum, Davos

2561. SHRI VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high power delegation recently participated at the meetings of the World Economic Forum at Davos;

(b) the issues relevant to the country deliberated at the Conference; and

(c) the details of the conclusions arrived at having an impact on the country's economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Annual Meetings of World Economic Forum at Davos deliberate upon a number of issues pertaining to global trade and investment. Growth of Indian economy, emergence of India as an attractive investment destination, development of different sectors of Indian economy, advantages of doing business in India and trade & investment opportunities in various sectors in India were deliberated in the sessions held at this year's Annual Meeting. These interactions were aimed at a better appreciation of the business climate and opportunities in India to facilitiate investment decision making.